

# 2019 CITY OF CARMEL YEAR IN REVIEW Mayor Jim Brainard • jbrainard@carmel.in.gov • www.Carmel.IN.gov

BEST PLACE TO RAISE A CHILD IN AMERICA

Survey by SafeWise, released in August

SAFEST CITY IN INDIANA Results of a survey by SafeWise, released in March

11th LOWEST

city tax rate

in Indiana

**BEST SMALL CITY** TO LIVE IN

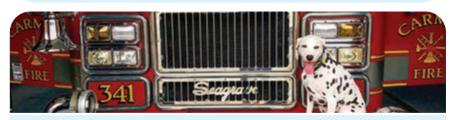
Survey by Wallethub, released in November

### 5th LOWEST

district tax rate in Indiana



Carmel Christkindlmarkt earned #1 Best Holiday Market in North America by the 2019 USA TODAY 10 Best Readers' Choice travel award contest



Carmel first responders launched a new voluntary Smart911 program for residents who may have specific medical or other issues, to better inform safety crews in the event of an emergency

## \$55.1 MILLION Operating balance for all funds at end of 2019

#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**Braunability** established a new corporate headquarters along with a new 20,000 sq. ft. research and development center

KAR and Merchants Bank opened their new headquarters

**Zotec** broke ground on their expansion

Midtown Plaza and outdoor big screen debut for sporting events and movies



Carmel police officers begin wearing body cameras. An \$80,000 federal grant helped secure the first phase of a five-year plan to outfit every officer



Carmel elevated to Silver-level Bicycle Friendly Community - The honor by the League of American Bicyclists allows Carmel to join just 96 cities across the nation to attain the goal based on our 200-plus miles of paths and greenways



Carmel held its first MLK Day celebration in front of a huge crowd



96th and Keystone roundabout open to traffic